

from May 4 through May 10, is Public Service Recognition Week and today begins a three-day celebration of events on the Mall designed to highlight the creative, innovative and effective government programs serving Americans across the country.

I am indeed proud to bring special attention to the dedicated individuals who have chosen public service as a career and who, through years of hard work, have helped to contribute to our Nation's growth and prosperity. Their important work includes protecting our Nation, keeping our food supply safe, participating in medical and scientific research, and maintaining highway and air safety.

The excellent service provided by Federal employees often goes unrecognized and it is only when these services become necessary for an individual or when the services are unavailable—as we experienced just two years ago during the shutdown of the Federal government—that people truly appreciate the importance of Federal employees. It is with this in mind that I want to again thank and praise the millions of men and women in the Federal workforce who perform these important jobs every day.

I view public service as an honorable career and a high calling, and I am proud that our Government has such a conscientious and highly qualified workforce. Despite previous attempts to undervalue the ideals which make public service rewarding and attractive to many, Federal employees continue to work positively and responsibly, while accomplishing many vital tasks. President Kennedy once stated:

Let the public service be a proud and lively career. And let every man and woman who works in any area of our nation government, in any branch, at any level, be able to say with pride and honor in future years: 'I served the United States Government in that hour of our Nation's need.'

The Nation has unquestionably benefitted from the many wonderful achievements of Federal employees. In setting aside this week to acknowledge our Nation's public servants, we all have an opportunity to give these employees the thanks and recognition they so greatly deserve. I am very pleased to extend my appreciation to such a worthy and committed group of men and women and encourage them to continue in their efforts on behalf of all Americans. •

WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr President, I rise today to congratulate the students of East Brunswick High School, national champions of the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution. This program, administered by the Center for Civic Education and funded

by the Department of Education, is the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Competing against 50 classes, the East Brunswick High School students demonstrated their superior knowledge of the Constitution in three days of simulated Congressional hearings in which students were required to apply constitutional principles and historical facts to contemporary situations.

These young scholars worked diligently to reach and win the national finals by winning local competitions in my home state of New Jersey. I am proud to recognize the distinguished members of the class representing New Jersey:

Mian Amy, Michael Carr, Daniel Cohen, Michael Cohen, Stacie Dubin, Andrea Feit, Naomi Finkelstein, Christian Forsythe, Hillary Gallanter, Gina Gancheva, Heather Gershen, Brett Gursky, Denise Heitzenroder, Rachel Katz, Terry Lin, Jonathan Meer, George Mossad, Amanda Rosen, Joel Pruce, Niyati Shah, Naseer Siddique, Michael Sturm, Robert Thompson, Howard Wachtel, Ari Waldman, Jamie Yonks, Joanna Young.

I would also like to recognize their teacher, John Calimano, who deserves much of the credit for the success of the class. The district coordinator, Robert Strangia, and the state coordinator, Evelyn Taraszkiewicz also contributed a significant amount of time and effort to help the class win the national finals.

I commend these constitutional experts for their great achievement. •

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 100-696, appoints the following Senators as members of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission:

The Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON)

The Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT).

MEASURE READ FOR THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 3717

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 3717 has arrived from the House and is at the desk. I now ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3717) to prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds for the distribution of needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of illegal drugs.

Mr. ENZI. I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will remain at the desk.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1998

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 8. I further ask unanimous consent that on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate then begin a period for morning business until 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the following exception: Senator JEFFORDS, 10 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m., the Senate will be in a period for morning business until 12 noon. Following morning business, the Senate will attempt to enter into several time agreements with respect to energy legislation and may confirm any Executive Calendar nominations that can be cleared for action. As a reminder, no votes will occur during Friday's session.

On Monday, May 11, the Senate may consider the agriculture research conference report along with a number of so-called high-tech bills. The Senate may also begin consideration of S. 1873, the missile defense bill. However, no votes will occur during Monday's session.

On Tuesday morning, May 12, the Senate will attempt to reach a time agreement on the D'Amato bill regarding inpatient health care for breast cancer. The Senate will also resume and attempt to complete action on any high-tech bills not completed on Monday. Any votes ordered to occur with respect to the agriculture research conference report and the high-tech bills will be postponed, to occur on Tuesday, May 12, at noon. Also, it will be the leader's intention to begin consideration of the Department of Defense authorization bill during the latter part of next week.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:46 p.m., adjourned until Friday, May 8, 1998, at 9:30 a.m.